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SUBJECT:SECRETARY SIMON'S MIDDLE EAST TRIP

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BEIRUT PASS AMBASSADOR AKINS

1. SECRETARY SIMON WILL OF COURSE WISH TO DEFER TO PRINCE FAHD'S WISHES. HE UNDERSTANDS AND APPRECIATES PRINCE FAHD'S PRE-OCCUPATION WITH THE NEW BUDGET AND THE PLANNING PROCESS THAT WILL FOLLOW. HOWEVER, HE BELIEVES IT WOULD BE WISE TO CONSIDER CONVENING THE FIRST MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON INDUSTRIALIZATION DURING HIS VISIT. MUCH WORK HAS TO BE DONE BEFORE THE OCTOBER MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMISSION, AND AN EARLY MEETING OF AT LEAST ONE KEY WORKING GROUP WOULD LEND GENERAL IMPETUS TO THE ACTIVITIES WE WISH TO ENCOURAGE, IN ADDITION TO ACCOMPLISHING HIGHLY IMPORTANT PREPARATORY WORK. WE, OF COURSE, CONFIDENTIAL

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WOULD UNDERSTAND IF SAUDIS ARE NOT PREPARED FULLY FOR

DETAILED DISCUSSIONS ON INDUSTRIALIZATION MATTERS AT THIS TIME, BUT OUR MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY AT AN INITIAL MEETING TO PUT ACROSS SOME IMPORTANT POINTS WHICH THE SAUDIS COULD BEGIN CONSIDERING.

2. DRAWING ON THE FOREGOING, YOU SHOULD EXPLORE WITH PRINCE FAHD THE IDEA OF CONVENING AT LEAST THIS ONE WORKING

GROUP SESSION DURING SECRETARY SIMON'S VISIT. IF FAHD REMAINS INSISTENT ON POSTPONING ALL SUCH MEETINGS, YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT SECRETARY SIMON WOULD STILL LIKE TO COME TO SAUDI ARABIA ALTHOUGH FOR A SHORTER STAY. IN ANY EVENT, WE SUGGEST PROGRAM SOMETHING LIKE THE FOLLOWING (WHICH TAKES INTO ACCOUNT POINTS MADE JIDDA 3829 AND WHICH COULD EASILY BE AMENDED TO HANDLE CONVENING OF WORKING GROUP IN RIYADH ON SUNDAY, JULY 21):

JULY 18 - ARRIVE JIDDA 1835 APPROXIMATELY
- DINNER ARRANGEMENTS AT EMBASSY'S DISCRETION

JULY 19 - FREE FOR MEETINGS WITH EMBASSY OR FOR RECREATION
- SECRETARY SIMON WOULD, HOWEVER, LIKE TO RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY TO YAMANI'S INVITATION TO VISIT HIM AT YAMANI'S HOUSE, WHICH WE PRESUME IS THE SUMMER HOUSE NEAR TAIF; HOWEVER, SECRETARY DOES NOT WANT TO CAUSE PROBLEMS WITH, AND WISHES TO DEFER TO VIEWS OF, HIS OFFICIAL HOST. IS THIS ABA AL KHAYL OR PRINCE FAHD? IF YOU SEE NO PROBLEMS, SECRETARY SIMON WOULD BE PREPARED TO REMAIN OVERNIGHT AT YAMANI HOUSE AND GO ON FROM THERE TO APPOINTMENT WITH KING FAISAL ON SATURDAY MORNING, JULY 20, IN TAIF. EMBASSY SHOULD NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO BRING WITH HIM TO ALL MEETINGS, INCLUDING THAT WITH KING FAISAL, UNDER SECRETARY BENNETT AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY PARSKY. FACT THAT MRS. SIMON, MRS. BENNETT, AND MRS. PARSKY ARE IN PARTY SHOULD ALSO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS RE ANY OVERNIGHT STAY AT YAMANI'S HOUSE.

JULY 20 - 1100 APPROXIMATELY - MEETING WITH KING FAISAL IN TAIF. SECRETARY IS ASSUMING THAT AMB OR CHARGE, AND CONFIDENTIAL

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POSSIBLY ISA SABBAGH, WILL BE PRESENT AT MEETING WITH KING.

- LUNCH - IN ACCORD WITH SAUDI DESIRES

- AFTERNOON - MEETINGS IN JIDDA (OR TAIF) WITH SAUDI OFFICIALS. SECRETARY SPECIFICALLY WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS COOPERATION IN INVESTMENT MATTERS WITH ABA AL KHAYL, AND

ANWAR ALI IF AVAILABLE. WHATEVER MAY BE ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT TO YAMANI HOUSE, SECRETARY, IN ANY EVENT, WANTS OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENTS WITH YAMANI. A MEETING WITH HISHAM NAZER ON DEVELOPMENT PLANNING WOULD OF COURSE BE WELCOMED.

- DINNER - IN ACCORD WITH SAUDI AND EMBASSY PROPOSALS

- IF ALL SUCH MEETINGS CAN BE HELD IN JIDDA OR TAIF, SO

MUCH THE BETTER, AND SECRETARY WOULD BE PREPARED TO DEPART COUNTRY FROM JIDDA SUNDAY, JULY 21, OR PROCEED TO RIYADH TO CONVENE WORKING GROUP MEETING ON 21ST AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED. SISCO

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